

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer-implemented method for facilitating group management functionality, comprising:

receiving information associated with a group of members participating in a group activity and with the group activity participated in by said members; and

creating a website structure instantiation including content comprising at least a portion of said information.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with at last a portion of said information.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein creating the website structure instantiation includes:

creating a first access level through which content selection functionality for other access levels and activity publication creation functionality are exclusively accessible;

creating a second access level including a plurality of respective content fields, wherein a first portion of said content fields of the second access level is system-defined and a second portion of said content fields of the second access level is specified through the first access level; and

creating a third access level including publicly accessible content inputted through at least one of the first access level and the second access level.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein:

the website structure instantiation includes multiple levels of access;

a first level of said access consists of access limited by a group administrator passcode;

a second level of said access consists of access limited by group member passcodes; and
a third level of said access consists of unrestricted access

5. The method of claim 4 wherein:

input of information associated with content selection of at least one of the website structure instantiation and a group activity publication layout is facilitated through the first level of said access; and
input of results associated with the group activity is facilitated through at least one of the first level of said access and the second level of said access.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the website structure instantiation:

is configured for enabling content selection functionality and activity publication creation functionality;
includes a plurality of system defined content fields and a plurality of user-specified content fields; and
is configured for allowing controlled-access to each of a plurality of website structure access levels.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

automatically updating said content of the website structure instantiation in response to corresponding portions of said information being altered, thereby enabling the website structure instantiation being dynamically maintained.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein:

said information includes an administrator dataset and a plurality of participant datasets;
the administrator dataset includes administrator content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation and

includes content parameters for at least one of a group activity publication and a website structure instantiation;

each one of said participant datasets includes participant content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation; and

creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with respective portions of said participant content and said administrator content at least partially dependent upon said content parameters.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

creating a group activity publication layout including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes associating at least a portion of said publication layout content fields with respective portions of said information.

11. The method of claim 9 wherein:

creating the group activity publication includes preparing a group activity publication layout, wherein the group activity publication layout includes system-defined content fields and optional content fields corresponding to user-selected publication content options.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information in response to a user requesting creation of an activity publication, wherein said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of textual content fields and a plurality of image content fields;

associating at least a portion of said textual content fields with respective
content of the website structure instantiation; and
associating each one of said image content fields with a respective one of a
plurality of image instantiations.

- 5 13. The method of claim 9 wherein creating the group activity publication layout
includes:
accessing group activity publication layout information corresponding to the
group instantiation, wherein said group activity publication layout
information includes a plurality of publication content fields; and
10 associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective
portion of said information.

14. A group management system, comprising: ~
at least one data processing device;
instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and
an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data
5 processing device;
wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data
processing device to facilitate:
receiving information associated with a group of members participating in a
group activity and with the group activity participated in by said
10 members; and
creating a website structure instantiation including content comprising at least
a portion of said information.

15. The system of claim 14 wherein creating the website structure instantiation
includes populating a website template instantiation with at last a portion of said
15 information of the group member instantiations and said information of the group
activity instantiation.

16. The system of claim 14 wherein creating the website structure instantiation
includes:
20 creating a first access level through which content selection functionality for
other access levels and activity publication creation functionality are
exclusively accessible;
creating a second access level including a plurality of respective content fields,
wherein a first portion of said content fields of the second access level
is system-defined and a second portion of said content fields of the
25 second access level is specified through the first access level; and
creating a third access level including publicly accessible content inputted
though at least one of the first access level and the second access level.

17. The system of claim 14 wherein:

the website structure instantiation includes multiple levels of access;
a first level of said access consists of access limited by a group administrator
passcode;
5 a second level of said access consists of access limited by group member
passcodes; and
a third level of said access consists of unrestricted access

18. The system of claim 17 wherein:

input of information associated with content selection of at least one of the
10 website structure instantiation and a group activity publication layout
is facilitated through the first level of said access; and
input of results associated with the group activity is facilitated through at least
one of the first level of said access and the second level of said access.

19. The system of claim 14 wherein the website structure instantiation:

15 is configured for enabling content selection functionality and activity
publication creation functionality;
includes a plurality of system defined content fields and a plurality of user-
specified content fields; and
is configured for allowing controlled-access to each of a plurality of website
20 structure access levels.

20. The system of claim 14 wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said
at least one data processing device to facilitate:

25 automatically updating said content of the website structure instantiation in
response to corresponding portions of said information being altered,
thereby enabling the website structure instantiation being dynamically
maintained.

21. The method of claim 14 wherein:

said information includes an administrator dataset and a plurality of participant datasets;

the administrator dataset includes administrator content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation and includes content parameters for at least one of a group activity publication and a website structure instantiation;

each one of said participant datasets includes participant content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation; and

creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with respective portions of said participant content and said administrator content at least partially dependent upon said content parameters.

22. The system of claim 14 wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

creating a group activity publication layout including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information.

23. The system of claim 22 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes associating at least a portion of said publication layout content fields with respective portions of said information.

24. The system of claim 22 wherein:

creating the group activity publication layout includes preparing a group activity publication layout, wherein the group activity publication layout includes system-defined content fields and optional content fields corresponding to user-selected publication content options.

25. The system of claim 22 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information in response to a user
requesting creation of a group activity publication, wherein said group
activity publication layout information designates a plurality of textual
content fields and a plurality of image content fields;

5 associating at least a portion of said textual content fields with respective
content of the website structure instantiation; and

associating each one of said image content fields with a respective one of a
plurality of image instantiations specified by the user.

26. The system of claim 22 wherein creating the group activity publication layout
10 includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information corresponding to the
group instantiation, wherein said group activity publication layout
information includes a plurality of publication content fields; and

15 associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective
portion of said information.

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27. A group management website structure instantiation, comprising:
- a first access level through which group activity publication creation functionality is exclusively accessible;
 - a second access level including a plurality of respective content input fields,
5 wherein a first portion of said content input fields of the second access level is system-defined and a second portion of said content input fields of the second access level is designated through access to the first access level; and
 - a third access level including publicly accessible content, wherein information
10 comprising said publicly accessible content is inputted exclusively though at least one of the first access level and the second access level.
28. The group management website structure instantiation of claim 27 wherein said group activity publication functionality includes at least one of:
- designating publication content options,
 - 15 accessing a listing of active publication sections;
 - designates a current creation status of a respective active publication section;
 - designating a current print approval status of a respective active publication section; and
 - editing content of a respective active publication section.
29. The group management website structure instantiation of claim 27 wherein group
20 communication functionality is initiated exclusively through the first access level.
30. The group management website structure instantiation of claim 27 wherein:
- group activity participant website content is maintained partially through the second access level and partially through the first access level; and
 - 25 group administrator website content is maintained exclusively through the first access level.

31. The group management website structure instantiation of claim 27 wherein:
said group activity publication creation functionality includes functionality for
designating content fields to be included in a corresponding group
activity publication layout.

5 32. The group management website structure instantiation of claim 27 wherein:
group administrator-specified content is inputted into respective content input
fields through the first access level; and
participant-specified content is inputted into respective content input fields
through the second access level.

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33. A computer-implemented method for facilitating group management functionality, comprising:

accessing respective datasets of a plurality of members of a group participating in a group activity, wherein an administrator dataset includes content parameters for a group activity publication and for a website structure instantiation of the group, and wherein each one of a plurality of participant datasets includes participant content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation; and

populating a website template instantiation with portions of said participant content for enabling creation of the website structure instantiation, wherein said populating is performed at least partially dependent upon said content parameters.

34. The method of claim 33 further comprising:

populating the website template instantiation with portions of administrator specified content, wherein the administrator dataset includes said administrator specified content.

35. The method of claim 33 wherein, further comprising:

associating content fields of the website template instantiation with respective system-prescribed portions of said participant and administrator datasets, wherein said associating is performed prior to said populating.

36. The method of claim 33, further comprising:

automatically updating said participant content in response to information in a respective one of said participant datasets and corresponding to said participant content being altered, thereby enabling the website structure instantiation being dynamically maintained.

37. A group management system, comprising:

at least one data processing device;
instructions processable by said at least one data processing device; and
an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data
5 processing device;

wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data
processing device to facilitate:

accessing respective datasets of a plurality of members of a group
participating in a group activity, wherein an administrator dataset
10 includes content parameters for a group activity publication and for a
website structure instantiation of the group, and wherein each one of a
plurality of participant datasets includes participant content for at least
one of the group activity publication and the website structure
instantiation; and

15 populating a website template instantiation with portions of said participant
content for enabling creation of the website structure instantiation,
wherein said populating is performed at least partially dependent upon
said content parameters.

38. The system of claim 37, further comprising:

20 populating the website template instantiation with portions of administrator
specified content, wherein the administrator dataset includes said
administrator specified content.

39. The system of claim 37 wherein, further comprising:

25 associating content fields of the website structure instantiation with respective
system-prescribed portions of said participant and administrator
datasets, wherein said associating is performed prior to said
populating.

40. The system of claim 37, further comprising:

automatically updating said participant content in response to information in a respective one of said participant datasets and corresponding to said participant content being altered, thereby enabling the website structure instantiation being dynamically maintained.

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